

Parthina Salone. Under the care and love of her grandparents, Mr. Spencer Graham and Mrs. Mary Tillman. Mrs. Singleton grew up in the St. Thomas community in Hinds County, Mississippi. She received a formal education at St. Thomas Elementary and Sumner Hill High Schools. She matriculated at Utica Junior College in Utica, Mississippi and later furthered her studies at Jackson State University. For all who know her, Mrs. Singleton is a true champion for early childhood education and her professional career speaks volumes of the works and contributions she has made on behalf of preschool aged children and individuals in her community.

In 1965, Mrs. Singleton began her career in early childhood education by becoming a volunteer at St. Thomas Elementary School. In June 1966, the federally funded Headstart programs were initiated in the St. Thomas community, allowing Mrs. Singleton to become an official teacher at the school. During her years as an educator, Mrs. Singleton was well known for her motherly, nurturing spirit and her love and willingness to help others. Her exceptional work as an educator granted her the opportunity to become the first appointed Center Administrator in the Hinds County Headstart System. She continued in that position until September 2004, distinguishing her as the oldest operating Center Administrator. During her tenure, she also served as the first officiating president for the district Association of Center Administrators for Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA).

Her influence in the community not only touched the children she educated, but also the parents and numerous close-knit community organizations. Her devotion to positive outreach inspired at least 20 parents of the St. Thomas community to ultimately serve as presidents of the HCHRA Policy Council. Mrs. Singleton was an integral part of the 4-H Club, which emphasized horticulture and other subject areas. The organization participated yearly in events on a state and national scale.

In order to help parents seeking a better future for themselves and their families, Mrs. Singleton used her influence as a board member for General Education Development (GED) with the Clinton Public School district by arranging class schedules held at the St. Thomas Headstart Center. She also assisted adolescents with employment opportunities through her coordinated efforts with the Neighborhood Youth Challenge.

Mrs. Singleton was instrumentally involved in various political campaigns. Her innumerable connections within the community were a tremendous asset to those seeking public office in and around Bolton, Clinton, Edwards, and Raymond, Mississippi. Her outreach efforts are also marked by her participation in the annual Christmas Cheer drive, which is geared towards delivering food items and holiday cheer to those who are homebound and elderly. She also served as president of numerous community outreach organizations, such as the Kitchen Ministry, the Neighborhood Watch, and the St. Thomas Recreation Association.

Currently, Mrs. Singleton enjoys her days spending time with her husband, Mr. Johnny Singleton, Sr., with whom she has been married to for almost 50 years, her five children:

Perry, Cathedral, Johnny, Jr., Shauna, and Shantae; and her grandchildren. She is a lifelong member of the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Josephine Tillman Singleton for her dedication and service as a respected educator and her commendable contributions made to early childhood education and the St. Thomas community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 245, I was at a funeral.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### RECOGNITION OF THE TERRENCE M. RYAN AGRICULTURAL CENTER

#### HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Eleventh District of Ohio, I am pleased to recognize the opening of the Terrence M. Ryan Agricultural Center on June 14, 2013. Congratulations to all of the partners for their vision and determination in making this wonderful facility a reality.

As a strong supporter of Cleveland Crops and its initiative to build an agricultural center in Cleveland, Ohio, I am pleased by the overwhelming community support and the relationships and partnerships that grew out of this project. The opening of the Terrence M. Ryan Agricultural Center speaks to the importance of reforming our local food system, and I am pleased to be a part of these efforts.

I congratulate Cleveland Crops and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities on the success of the opening of the Terrence M. Ryan Agricultural Center and the positive impact it will have on our community.

I am proud to support the constituents of the Eleventh District of Ohio and am a vigorous supporter of our thriving urban agricultural community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on June 14, 2013, I missed the following Rollcall vote: number 237 for the Smith of Washington Part B Amendment No. 20 to H.R. 1960. Had I

voted, I would have voted "aye" on this Rollcall vote.

#### HONORING MR. LOUIS DRUMMOND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

#### HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend Mr. Louis Drummond for his 30 years of exemplary service to the United States Congress. Mr. Drummond has been an invaluable member of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) most notably while developing, supporting and maintaining the Legislative Information System (LIS), a vital legislative branch partnership. The Congress, the Library of Congress and the public have greatly benefited from his outstanding work.

Mr. Drummond came to the Library of Congress from library school in June 1983 for the nine-month Library of Congress Intern Program. After the Intern Program, he worked as a reference librarian in the Main Reading Room for two years. Due to his interest in automation and his work on the new optical disk program, he then moved to CRS.

His career at CRS has been notable for innovation, responsiveness to the needs of Congress, and his willingness to share his extensive knowledge with others. He was a leader in the introduction of the Internet into the services of the Library. He coordinated the planning, policy and development of CRS's first home page as well as the Library's first website. Mr. Drummond was a critical player in the Library's ability to adapt, master, and eventually take an international leadership role in the Internet. Other accomplishments include the development and support of SCORPIO, a 1970's mainframe program that retrieved legislative and public policy information, and MARVEL, the Library's first Internet Gopher system.

Mr. Drummond's devotion to the needs of congressional users for legislative information has defined his career. In 1996, Congress directed CRS to coordinate the creation of a single integrated legislative retrieval system (the LIS) that would serve the House, the Senate, and other congressional agencies. Mr. Drummond took responsibility for that directive and not only coordinated the development of the system, but also ensured that over the years it met the needs of the user community. Finally, he participated in the Legislative Branch XML Working Group which has been charged with improving the availability and exchange of legislative data amongst agencies and the public by publishing it in XML format.

On behalf of the entire congressional community, we extend congratulations to Mr. Louis Drummond for his many years of dedication, outstanding contributions, and service to the Congress and we wish him the very best in his retirement.